tive property obtained from the Baltimore Water company. The Sarville Factory, with the machinery in it, which is daily depreciating under the hand of time, should, I think, be at once disposed of, and respectfully suggest the importance of immediate legislation on this subject.

I would also recommend to your Honorable body, the expediency of selling, at once, both Cross street, and Richmond market houses, &c., - the expenses of both these establishments exceed the revenue derived from them. it costs the treasury more to keep and clean them, to say nothing of necessary repairs, than the rents amount to.

The citizens living adjacent to them, will suffer no detriment if they are closed, as the country people do not attend them. They are used mostly as lounging places for idlers, and play grounds for boys, and might for this reason alone, if no other be dispensed with.

Another important subject must now be submitted for your consideration. It appears that omnibuses at present, pay only the ordinary rate of license chargeable upon vehicles having four wheels and drawn by two horses this is unfair, for all must agree that the streets over which they pass, suffer damage by them greatly beyond what other four wheeled carriages occasion, and it would be just that a corresponding tax or license, be laid upon them. Would it not be excellent also, to require them to have broader tread - say with a tire of not less than four inches in width. I respectfully call your attention to this matter.

As the question of a further supply of pure water for city use, will probably occupy a portion of the time and attention of your honorable body, at the present session, I deem it proper, respectfully to lay before you some of my views upon the subject.

It has been suggested to me that we have by virtue of our contract with the Baltimore Water company for the purchase of their property, secured to the city certain rights and privilages, that should be availed of immediately I would therefore recommend that your joint committee on water, examine said contract, and ascertain all the facts connected therewith.

I am fully satisfied of the correctness of the opinion hitherto expressed to your honorable body, namely, that Jones falls will afford the city an adequate supply of pure water for all purposes for the next twenty years, indeed I feel

warranted in saying for the next fifty years, the only requisite storage reservoirs of ample capacity, which may be prepared at a cost of trifling magnitude, as compared with the enormous outlay involved in the Gunpowder project, or any other which has yet transpired. I have in my possession, the result of calculations which show that the quantity of water contained in Jone's Falls at Mount Royal Mill, in the year 1854 one of unusual drought - was fully equal to an average of 30.000.000 gallons for every 24 hours. A quantity sufficient to give a population of 500.000 souls, 60 gallons per day, each. At Rock Mill there was not quite so much, but not very materially less. You will however, see that if the calculations have been correctly made, the result fully sustains the opinion I have continued to record.

What we want, is a full supply of water for all ordinary purposes, and an abundance to quench the conflagrations with which we must expect occassionally to be visited. Too much water, because of the necessary surface drainage to which our city is subjected to, would render many of our streets impassable in winter, because of ice, and in open weather because of flood. It is most apparent, and to the careless observer, that their is even now great waste of the element in every day service; and at fires, specially there is great loss, perhaps owing to the great number of fire engines employed. All connected with them are deeply interested in putting a stop to the raging flames, and in their efforts, no doubt, unintentionally, waste, or at all events use to little purpose, much water, which by a proper system, and understanding amongst the different companies, might be thrown judiciously upon the fire, and accomplish its extinction with a due regard to economy of time and water, and probably with less loss of property than now occurs. Wether this is a subject of legislation I leave to your judgement.

Our city may be perfectly watered, and an abundance provided for every part of it at all times, not excepting cases of emergency, on the occurrence of fires, by a judicious use of our rights and privilages on Jones' falls, and the erection of suitable reservoirs, in well selected localities, affording adequate storage accomodation; and there is no necessity, in my judgement, for looking elsewhere at this junction. With these remarks, I leave the matter in your hands, respectfully soliciting your legislation upon it, at as early a period as possible.